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. ADM FELT, GEN ADAMS, ADM SMITH, AND GEN POWER. SIGNED LENNITZER.

1. The president will make a public statement in the near future substantially as follows with respect to the release of reservists involuntarily recalled to active duty. Exercise care to avoid any premature release of his proposed statement.

"Last summer we found it necessary to respond rapidly to a rapid increase in the level of international tension. This increase was deliberately created by the communists - both in Berlin and in southeast Asia. Our response was two-fold. We mobilized two reserve divisions and associated with 16 tactical fighter and troop carrier squadrons, and a number of ships and naval air squadrons. Reluctant as we were to disturb the lives and interrupt the careers of American citizens, we found it necessary to do so, to protect the national security, which is our paramount concern."

"An equally important part of our response to the heightened Soviet threat was our decision, backed by the congress and the American people, to increase the size and size of our permanent buildup of nuclear and non-nuclear forces. At that time, we requested and obtained from the congress an additional \$3.5 billion to augment the two earlier supplements of \$1.5 and \$3 billion, which had previously been added to our budget for fiscal 1962."

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"As soon as our \$3.5 billion budget request was approved by the Congress, Secretary McNamara, at my direction, took steps to obtain the men and the arms required for the buildup, on an accelerated schedule. We now have about organizing two additional regular divisions. These divisions will, by the end of the summer, bring the number of regular combat-ready divisions to 16, as against 11 combat-ready divisions in June of 1961. We retained 6 wings of B-47 bombers scheduled for inactivation, and we are increasing the number of tactical fighter wings from 16 to 21. We accelerated procurement of new equipment, both for nuclear and non-nuclear combat. And as you know, we more than doubled the construction rate for Polaris submarines."

"Our permanent buildup is, of course, still going on. But I am happy to report that we have now reached the point where we can determine that by August of this year, we can afford to release the reserve divisions and other units and individuals who were called to active duty last August. This determination assumes that there will be no serious deterioration in the international situation between now and August. We are, and will remain, prepared to do what is necessary to protect our own interests and the security of our friends and allies. The very substantial increase in combat power that will have been achieved in order to permit release of the reservists is indicated in a table attached to this statement. To the extent that reserve units are stationed in Europe (as in the case of tactical fighter squadrons), we are making detailed plans to replace them with equivalent regular units."

"I cannot conclude this statement without paying tribute again to the citizen soldiers who are making so vital a contribution to the

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the world by filling the necessary gap between our decision to achieve a permanent peace settlement, and the execution of that decision. Wherever they are serving, within the continental U.S. or overseas, they are serving in the front lines of freedom."

INCREASE IN COMBAT POWER

	RESERVISTS	30 Sep 62
	TO BE RELEASED	AFTER RELEASE OR RESERVES
30 Jun 61		
Army strength	857,000	310,000
Navy strength	627,400	350,000
Airforce strength	820,500	624,400
Marine corps strength	176,000	860,300
Army combat ready		190,000
Divisions		
Total active fleet	14	16
Attack nuclear	619	863
Submarines		
Polaris submarines	14	18
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2. Additionally, FBI, State Dept circular telegram to ambassadors reads substantially as follows:

"ACTION: Circular, EYES ONLY: Ambassadors.

"White House expected to make public shortly statement by president along lines text below. (Same as presidential statement in para 1 above.)

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